

## SEPARATION OF POWERS

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**Directions:** In *Federalist* No. 47, James Madison responds to critics of the Constitution who believed the document failed to separate powers sufficiently. Use the Separation of Powers essay by Yuval Levin to complete the following graphic organizer.

*Madison's response to critics*

"One of the principal objections inculcated by the more respectable adversaries of the Constitution is its supposed violation of the political maxim that the legislative, executive, and judiciary departments ought to be separate and distinct. "

**List two pieces of evidence in support of this claim.**

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**What is a counterargument to Madison's claim?**

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**List two pieces of evidence that support this counterargument.**

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**Which argument do you agree with more? Share insight into why you picked that side.**